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SUBJECT: IFAD PERSONNEL PROPOSALS

1. INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
PROPOSING SPECIAL INTERIM ALLOWANCE OF 3.5 PERCENT OF
BASIC NET SALARY TO IFAD EMPLOYEES TO COMPENSATE THEM
FOR PRESENT POST ADJUSTMENT SYSTEM IN ROME. ALLOWANCE
NOT TO BE ADDED TO PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION. IT IS
DESIGNED TO COMPENSATE FOR LACK OF COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES
FOR IFAD EMPLOYEES.

2. SECRETARIAT INDICATES THAT ILO STUDY JAN/FEB 1975
BASED ON NOVEMBER 1974 PRICES SUGGESTED ACCESS TO
COMMISSARY ALLOWED FAO EMPLOYEES 5 PERCENT SAVINGS (0.9
PERCENT FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, 0.5 FOR TOBACCO,
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1-4 PERCENT FOR PETROL AND OIL AND 2.2 PERCENT ALL OTHER
ITEMS). SINCE IFAD AGREEMENT WITH ITALY ALLOWS
EXCEPTION ONLY FOR PETROL AND OIL, THEY ARE DIS-
ADVANTAGED BY 3.6 PERCENT IN COMPARISON WITH EMPLOYEES
OF FAO AND WORLD FOOD PROGRAM.

3. IFAD APPARENTLY PROPOSED TO ICSC, AND IT DECLINED,

TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE ROME POST ADJUSTMENT FOR IFAD.

ICSC INDICATED THAT AS MATTER OF GENERAL POLICY THEY WOULD NOT WISH TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF DIFFERENCES IN DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES BY ESTABLISHING TWO SEPARATE POST ADJUSTMENT CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN SAME DUTY STATION. FUND WISHES TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH ICSC TO DEVELOP "SATISFACTORY SOLUTION."

4. USUN SHOULD CONSULT WITH ICSC AS TO PRACTICE VIS-A-VIS UN AGENCIES EMPLOYEES OPERATING IN ROME, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE AGENCIES WHOSE RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH ITALY DO NOT INCLUDE COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY REACTIONS OF ICSC TO OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS BEING DISCUSSED BETWEEN IFAD AND ICSC.

5. COPIES OF PERTINENT IFAD DOCUMENTS POUCHED TO USUN MARCH 24.

6. MATERIAL NEEDED SOONEST SO WE CAN ADEQUATELY BRIEF AID DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO IFAD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING APRIL 8.

7. ROME: DOES WFC USE FAO COMMISSARY?

8. FYI: ON THE FACE OF IT, IT SEEMS LIKELY WE WILL
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SUPPORT THE ICSC POSITION. WE FULLY SHARE THE VIEW THAT SEPARATE POST ADJUSTMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES ARE NOT RPT NOT WORKABLE. HOWEVER, BEFORE ADVISING IFAD OF OUR VIEWS, WE NEED MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING TREATMENT OF UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCY EMPLOYEES IN ROME WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE FAO COMMISSARY. NOTE ALSO, IN REREADING PARA 2, IFAD RECEIVES TAX-FREE PRIVILEGES FOR PETROL, BUT PRESUMABLY NOT VIA FAO COMMISSARY. COOPER

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